

Harvard students Pascaline Dupas and Jean B. Rolland were among a group of MIT and Harvard students from France who gathered outside the French Consulate Wednesday. The students were protesting the success of extreme right-wing candidate Jean-Marie Le Pen in the first round of the French presidential election. Rally organizer Thomas Chaney G said, "It is our responsibility to be concerned about what could be the image of France abroad. I do feel ashamed after these elections." See story page 9.

## Organizers Plan Lottery to Select Attendees at Wolfensohn Meeting

By Keith J. Weinstein

ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

MIT students who wish to attend a private meeting with World Bank President James D. Wolfensohn will be selected by random lottery, the event's organizers have decided.

Jesse M. Barnes '02, Arjun Mendiratta G, Payal P. Parekh G, and Stephanie W. Wang '04 met Sunday to decide on a selection procedure for the closed-door meeting to be held on June 7 with Wolfensohn, this year's commencement speaker.

Students interested in attending

the event should send e-mail to the organizers' contact address, [nowb@mit.edu](mailto:nowb@mit.edu), Parekh said. Other details, such as the deadline to apply for the lottery, will be decided by the group and widely communicated in the next week.

### Meeting limited to 20 students

The meeting's attendance is limited to about 20 registered students "to enable dialog to take place," said Kwabena Amankway-Ayeh, Wolfensohn's speechwriter and assistant. "The interaction is going to be better when the group is as small as we are trying to work out

right now," Amankway-Ayeh said.

"Our experience has been that once you bring in cameras and videotapes and things like that, [students] become antagonistic," he said. "We want an engagement, a dialog completely out of the hearts and minds of everybody."

Kirk D. Kolenbrander, special assistant to the president and chancellor, said the event represented a compromise. With the attendance limit and *The Tech* as the only permitted press, "This isn't the meeting the students want," he said.

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## New Study Room in Hayden To Be Open 24 Hours Daily

By Jennifer DeBoer

STAFF REPORTER

A 24-hour study room will open adjacent to Hayden Circulation after overwhelming student approval and a year of waiting for Institute funding.

Construction for the new room will begin May 29, just after the end of final exams, on the area that is currently Hayden's circulation desk. The project is expected to be completed by the following Labor Day.

"We are very optimistic that the study area will be up and ready to go in time for fall term," said Nina Davis-Millis, interim associate director for public services. "It's been in the works for a while."

### Circulation desk to relocate

One of the central components in

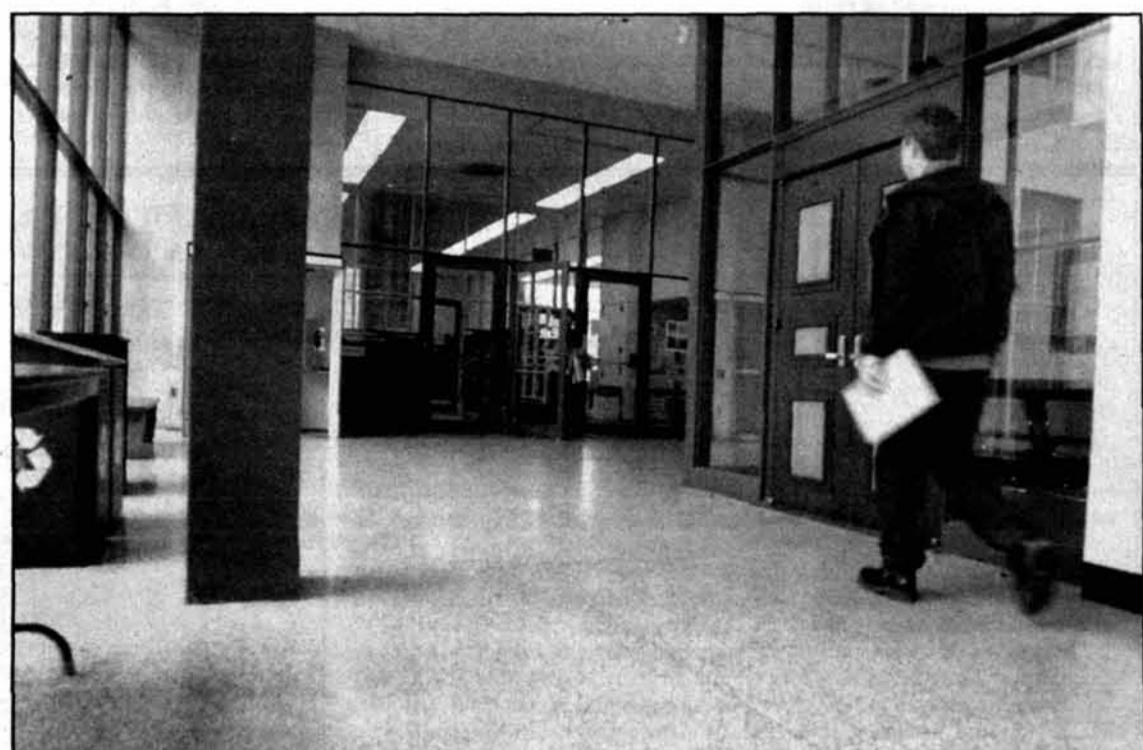
the study room's structure is the addition of small common areas intended for group work.

"It will be nice thing for people to be able to study together in a common room, as well to be able to utilize the wireless capability the room will have," said Theresa Tobin, head of the Humanities Library.

The Hayden circulation desk will be moved to where the map room is now, and the materials currently housed in the reserve book room will also be relocated to be inside the Humanities library, extending the possible hours of use for these books.

What was formerly the Reserve Book Room will be temporarily used as a librarian training facility.

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# WORLD & NATION

## House, Senate Approve Resolutions Supporting Israel

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

The House and Senate on Thursday overwhelmingly approved resolutions to support Israel and condemn Palestinian suicide bombers, but only after a debate that exposed some sharp divisions over the congressional intervention in Middle East diplomacy.

The votes allowed lawmakers to express collectively the outrage many have voiced individually as the Israeli-Palestinian conflict has escalated.

Approval of the two resolutions, legally nonbinding but politically significant, puts President Bush in a somewhat awkward position as he reaches out to Arab allies of the Palestinians in an attempt to defuse the Middle East violence.

The House voted 352-21 for a lengthy, tough-worded resolution sponsored by Majority Whip Tom DeLay, R-Texas, that condemns "the ongoing support of terror" by Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, suggests that his actions "are not those of a viable partner for peace" and supports additional U.S. aid "to help Israel defend itself."

## Threats Prompt Change of Venue In Pearl Murder Trial

THE WASHINGTON POST

ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN

The trial of four men charged with the kidnapping and murder of Wall Street Journal correspondent Daniel Pearl moves to a new city Friday, after prosecutors complained of death threats from inside and outside the courtroom.

Testimony will resume before a new judge — the third in the trial's short life — in the city of Hyderabad, 110 miles northeast of Karachi, where Pearl was kidnapped Jan. 23. Prosecutor Raja Qureshi requested the change after four law enforcement agencies reported uncovering plans to blow up the Karachi City Jail, where the trial convened last month.

Qureshi also complained that two of the defendants had made threatening gestures from behind the bars that separate court officers from prisoners in the makeshift courtroom.

"In our Eastern world, when we just put a hand on the chin and slide it down and make a box of your fist, that is understood to be a threatening gesture," Qureshi said in a telephone interview.

## Rumsfeld Scolding Casts Doubt Over White's Future

LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON

U.S. Army Secretary Thomas E. White's tenuous grip on his job appeared to slip further Thursday after Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld scolded Army leadership for going behind his back to Congress to save an endangered weapons program.

Rumsfeld said the Pentagon is "looking into" reports that Army leaders lobbied lawmakers in recent days to salvage a weapons system that the defense secretary and his top deputy are poised to scrap.

In characteristic language, the defense secretary said he would have "a minimum of high regard" for such behavior, a swipe aimed at least in part at White, who is fighting to save the Crusader artillery system from budget cuts.

And even as top lawmakers vowed to "work with leaders" in the Pentagon to save the \$11-billion program, Rumsfeld made it clear he expects Army leaders to fall in line.

A defense secretary ought to "be able to expect that the leadership and overwhelming majority (of the Army) will in fact be supportive," Rumsfeld said.

## U.S. Planning International Conference on Middle East

By Alan Sipress

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

The Bush administration has begun planning for an international peace conference on the Middle East early this summer to accelerate negotiations over a final political settlement between the Israelis and Palestinians, Secretary of State Colin Powell announced Thursday.

He said the gathering would take up not only political issues but include discussions over stemming violence by Arab militants and enhancing the economic prospects of the Palestinians.

At the same time, the conference would address the broader regional conflict with the aim of making progress on long-stalled peace talks between Israel and its northern neighbors, Syria and Lebanon, according to officials involved in discussions about the gathering.

Powell's announcement came after he met at the State Department with senior diplomats from the European Union, Russia and the United Nations, all of which will be involved in preparations for the conference and are expected to be its sponsors. The invitation list will include Israel, the Palestinians,

Egypt, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Lebanon and perhaps other Middle Eastern countries, officials said.

The new U.S. effort to advance negotiations came on the same day that the House and Senate endorsed Israel's West Bank offensive against the Palestinians, adopting the symbolic expression of support over administration warnings that this would hamstring its policy.

By proposing a new forum for simultaneous talks about political, security and economic measures, administration officials hope to bypass the current stalemate between Israelis and Palestinians about the timing of political and security steps. The Palestinians are offered talks aimed at giving them their own state and the Israelis have a new opportunity to pursue improved ties with other Arab governments.

While details about the conference remain sketchy, the decision to call one represents an effort to build momentum after Israel's recent withdrawal from most West Bank cities and the release of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat from a month-long siege inside his compound in Ramallah.

"This is a time for prompt action to take advantage of this new win-

dow of opportunity that has been presented to us. And we intend to do just that," Powell said.

He was speaking at a joint news conference with U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan, Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov, European Union foreign policy chief Javier Solana and Foreign Minister Josep Pique of Spain, which holds the EU's rotating presidency. The diplomats represent a new group, dubbed the quartet, which was formed last month during Powell's trip to the Middle East and Europe.

"The United States with our partners in the quartet will spend the weeks ahead to begin to not only talk amongst ourselves, but with the parties and with other interested members of the international community to come up with a set of principles that can be the basis for a meeting in the early summer," Powell said. Powell's thinking is to convene the conference on the level of foreign ministers rather than presidents, prime ministers and kings, according to a senior State Department official. This would avoid objections from Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon about meeting Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and from some Arab heads of state about meeting Israelis.

## Pilots, Flight Attendants Split On Plans for Cockpit Weapons

By Sara Kehaulani Goo

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON

More than 20,000 airline pilots signed a petition and sent it to lawmakers on Capitol Hill Thursday demanding that they be allowed to carry guns in the cockpit to protect themselves from potential hijackers.

Responding angrily, the union for flight attendants declared that they would fight the pilots proposal, unless the pilots agreed to use their guns not only to defend themselves, but to ensure the safety of passengers and crew throughout the airplane.

The exchange marked the latest and most pointed skirmish in an unresolved legislative and security policy debate about whether

weapons should be permitted in airplane cockpits, and if so, how they should be used to defend against hijackers.

The issue has been simmering since last fall when a handful of pilots first raised the idea after the Sept. 11 terrorist hijackings. Since then, the proposal has gathered momentum among pilots, producing legislative proposals, including bills by Rep. John Mica, R-Fla., chairman of the House Transportation aviation subcommittee, and Sen. Robert Smith, R-N.H.

As pilots moved closer toward their goal, they galvanized questions from flight attendants who feel they are being ignored in a security approach that seems to focus first and foremost on pilots. The Associa-

tion of Flight Attendants have proposed that they be given some kind of non-lethal weapon, such as a stun gun, to contain unruly passengers. Pilots are opposed to stun guns on airplanes unless they can have lethal weapons.

At a minimum, flight attendants want any weapons proposal to take account of their needs, and they worry about a scenario in which they are alone in a plane with hijackers, while the pilots are behind locked doors with their guns.

"We're against the pilots having guns until we know that they're going to come out of the cockpit, into the cabin, to defend us and the passengers," said Jeff Zack, spokesman for the Association of Flight Attendants.

## WEATHER

### Merry Month of May

By Nikki Prive

STAFF METEOROLOGIST

This weekend will see an end to the cool, wet weather of the past week, with clear skies and warmer temperatures. A departing low pressure system will result in high winds today, with gusts up to 50 mph (80 kph) through the afternoon.

High pressure will dominate over the weekend, with temperatures rising through Sunday. The extended outlook for early next week is for continued warm temperatures, but an increased chance of rain.

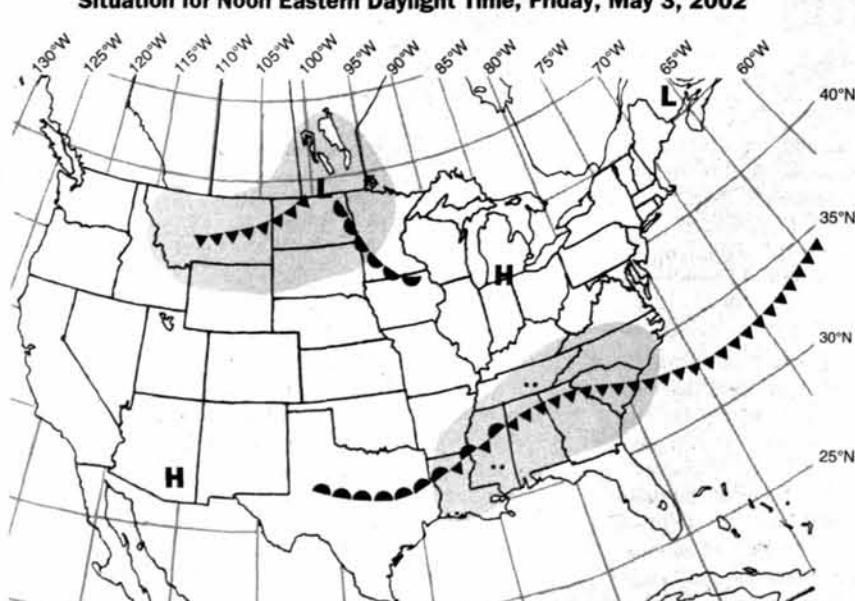
May is a fickle month in Boston, and rapid swings in temperature are not uncommon. The average high temperature for early May is only 62°F (17°C) in Boston, which rises to 72°F (22°C) by the end of the month. Actual temperatures can range from the low 30s F (0°C) to the upper 90s F (36°C).

In 1977, a half inch of snow fell on May 10, while a record high of 92°F (33°C) was set just a week later of that same year. It is unlikely that the pleasant weather of this weekend will last through the entire month, so enjoy it while you can.

#### Extended Forecast

**Today:** Clear and quite windy, high in the mid 60s F (18°C).  
**Tonight:** Chilly, lows around 40°F (4°C).  
**Saturday:** Sunny, high in the mid 60s F (18°C). Low in the mid 40s F (7°C).  
**Sunday:** Sunny, warmer, high near 70°F (21°C).  
**Monday:** Cloudy, chance of rain, highs near 70°F (21°C).

#### Situation for Noon Eastern Daylight Time, Friday, May 3, 2002



#### Weather Systems

H High Pressure

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# Arafat Emerges After 34 Days, Tours Sites in Palestinian Cities

By John Lancaster

THE WASHINGTON POST

RAMALLAH, WEST BANK

After 34 days under Israeli siege, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat emerged Thursday morning into bright sunlight outside his battered headquarters here, flashing victory signs and embarking on a raucous, crowd-pleasing tour of hospitals, schools and other icons of his crippled Palestinian Authority.

Looking pale but otherwise unscathed, a smiling Arafat appeared on the steps of his presidential headquarters shortly after 10 a.m., just hours after the last Israeli tanks pulled out of the dusty compound they have occupied since smashing down its walls on March 29. The Israeli withdrawal came after Arafat acquiesced to the terms of a U.S.-brokered compromise in the jailing of six Palestinians wanted by Israel.

Arafat waved to cheering supporters, then roared out of his compound in a motorcade of sport utility vehicles and a dusty late-model Mercedes, a horde of international media

on his trail. Although Israeli armored vehicles have withdrawn only to the edge of town, Arafat's mood and message was triumphal as he greeted crowds of residents, schoolchildren and beaming Palestinian Authority officials.

The crowds responded in kind. "We are marching to Jerusalem, martyrs in the millions," chanted students at Ramallah's Anglican elementary school, as Arafat waved from the balcony of a cultural center next door.

Enveloped by burly armed guards in bulletproof vests, Arafat prayed over the graves of slain Palestinian fighters, stood at the bedside of wounded bodyguards and commiserated with the cultural center's director, Adila Laidi, over the damage inflicted by Israeli soldiers who used explosives to open the doors of the historic stone building.

"The more destruction I see, the stronger I get," Arafat told reporters.

But the celebrations may be short-lived. Following Israel's occupation of Ramallah and five other major

Palestinian cities last month, Arafat's Palestinian Authority is under severe strain, its security forces in disarray and its civic institutions — many of which were damaged in the Israeli assault — struggling to provide basic services such as garbage collection and medical care.

"He has a lot of challenges to face, obviously," said Mohammed Shtayeg, the Palestinian Authority's director of economic development, during Arafat's stop Thursday morning at the education ministry, which was ransacked by Israeli troops. "The whole country is in a shambles, and he knows he has to put things together."

Arafat also knows that Israeli forces poised just outside Ramallah and other West Bank towns could easily repeat their performance of last month. Israeli officials have said they would not hesitate to return to Palestinian cities in response to another round of suicide bombings such as the series of attacks that triggered the last incursion more than a month ago.

# Roman Catholic Priest Arrested In San Diego for Raping a Child

By Elizabeth Mehren

and Tony Perry

LOS ANGELES TIMES

BOSTON

A Roman Catholic priest who has been the focus of some of the most shocking disclosures in a nationwide sex scandal was arrested Thursday in San Diego on three counts of raping a child.

The Rev. Paul Shanley, 71, was charged with regularly abusing a boy over a seven-year period — sometimes in the church confessional. He was arrested without incident at his apartment in San Diego.

The victim, now 24, was not named in the complaint. He allegedly was molested from 1983 to 1990, beginning when he was 6 years old and a student in a weekly Christian doctrine class taught by Shanley.

Middlesex County District Attorney Martha Coakley said Thursday that the young man approached authorities earlier this week after extensive media coverage of a civil lawsuit against the Boston archdiocese by another alleged Shanley victim, 24-year-old Gregory Ford.

"Almost on a weekly basis, Paul Shanley would come to take not only (the latest alleged victim) but others from that class for 'talks,'" Coakley said.

The records contained sexual abuse complaints against Shanley dating from 1967, when he allegedly took children to a cabin at Blue Hill, a ski mountain near Boston. In 1977, according to the documents, Shanley was present at the organizational meeting of what later became the North American Man-Boy Love

Coverage of the sex abuse trial and conviction in January of former priest John J. Geoghan — also assigned to the Boston archdiocese — brought a flood of painful memories to Ford and others who claim they were abused by Shanley. Ford's civil lawsuit forced the archdiocese last month to release more than 1,600 pages of documents about Shanley.

San Diego police spokesman David Cohen said Thursday that detectives called Shanley from outside his gated apartment complex and told him they had an arrest warrant. He invited them inside and did not protest when they placed him in handcuffs, Cohen said.

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White's role in the Crusader fight further clouds his tenure at the Pentagon, where he has been faulted by Congress — as the highest ranking former Enron executive in the Bush administration — for failing to disclose stock options he continued to hold in Enron and dozens of telephone calls to former Enron executives.

White, a former Army general who became vice chairman of Enron Energy Services, is also under investigation by the Defense Department Inspector General for his handling of personal business matters on trips using Army jets.

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## MIT Needs Outside Bank Accounts



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### Editorial

MIT Treasurer Allan S. Bufferd told student government presidents Monday that beginning July 1, 2002, MIT student groups will be required to close their outside bank accounts.

This move would bring all student accounting under the control of Residential Life and Student Life Programs. The decision came after a committee from the Treasurer's office, devoid of student members, investigated the status of student group bank accounts.

In what has become a standard procedure at MIT, the administration attempted to gain the rubber stamp of student approval by requesting that student leaders gather student input as they explain the administration's decision. *The Tech* believes that eliminating outside bank accounts is a measure MIT is simply unprepared to take, one that will greatly handicap student activities while not doing much to decrease MIT's liabilities.

The reason student groups and residences acquired outside bank accounts in the first place was that both students and MIT staff realized years ago that the Institute could not provide student groups with the services of a real bank. It still cannot today. In the 24-hour-a-day, seven-day-a-week world of life at MIT, student groups need to be able to write checks at a moment's notice — on or off campus. RLSLP currently manages over 700 student group accounts. Taking on the responsibility for 105 outside accounts created specifically because they are active with frequent transactions will delay check processing intolerably. Currently, cutting a check the same day through RLSLP is not always possible. Such a system requires students to temporarily foot the bill for many purchases. This puts an undue burden on the leaders of student groups.

Prepayment is even trickier as not only RLSLP is involved with arranging purchase orders. The Purchasing Office is set up to deal with MIT departments directly, not student groups which much request Purchase Orders through RLSLP. Thus POs can take more than a week to process. It is unrealistic to expect student groups to function financially a full week in advance simply to overcome MIT's shortcomings in accounting services.

Internal accounts are lacking in many other areas. For example, MIT accounts do not generate interest. Corporate checks like the ones used for student groups are accepted almost everywhere, whereas MIT purchase order agreements are not. Bank statements arrive with regularity, whereas the Athena interface with MIT's financial records is not user-friendly. The fact is, short of running a fully functioning Bank of MIT, student groups are going to find themselves in a position where their everyday operations are made more difficult.

The Tech also worries that eliminating outside bank accounts gives MIT undue control over how student groups spend their money. If MIT does not approve of an event or expenditure — even one which falls completely within Institute policies — what is to stop RLSLP from holding a check or delaying approval?

The administration expects that the closure of outside

accounts will decrease MIT's liabilities concerning student group assets. Simply eliminating student group and residence outside accounts will not give MIT the security it wants, because MIT has been no more reliable. In 1996, what was then the office of Residence and Campus Activities somehow "lost" \$140,000 of student group money by what the office called mismanagement and accounting errors. Furthermore, MIT required that Bufferd be listed as a financial signatory on all outside student group accounts. Managing student group accounts is a larger task than overseeing outside accounts, a task for which the Treasurer's Office does not have the resources.

Clearly July 1 is not a feasible date for this transition. MIT will need to hire enough workers and provide sufficient office space to handle the immense increase in accounting personnel and paperwork. A new system needs to be developed and MIT must train student groups and employees in the new system.

The optimal solution does not require the elimination of student group accounts. The Treasurer's Office, upon identifying this problem, should have engaged student group leaders in order to devise a workable solution. RLSLP, the Treasurer's Office, and student group leaders could establish criteria that student groups must meet in order to maintain an outside account. Requiring quarterly reports or conducting an annual audit of student group finances could improve the administration's oversight ability while maintaining student groups' operational efficacy that comes with the ability to manage a bank account.

*The Tech* must acknowledge that, along with other accounts, *The Tech*'s own problems with outside bank accounts likely contributed to Bufferd's desire to shut them all down. The prospect of eliminating outside bank accounts affects the long-term goals of this organization, and *The Tech* plans to join other student groups who would be dramatically affected by this new policy in altering this decision.

Student leaders are trying to grapple with how to respond to Bufferd's decision, which was flawed from the beginning in that it did not reflect any real student input and in that it makes student groups suffer while MIT's student finance systems remain inadequate. However, it is not too late for Bufferd to undo the potential damage to student groups from closing outside bank accounts. If a new system is immediately implemented to give the same level of flexibility, convenience, and independence offered by outside banks, student group accounts could be brought into MIT with little impact on the day-to-day operation of student life.

However, *The Tech* does not believe that MIT has thoroughly planned for such drastic changes as are needed to do so, nor does *The Tech* believe that such changes could be successfully implemented by July 1. Student groups must make their voices heard to Bufferd and the rest of the administration, since MIT has neglected these voices once again. If outside bank accounts will indeed be brought within MIT, a viable Bank of MIT must indeed be made a reality.

## Letters To The Editor

### Don't Ruin Commencement

As we draw closer to Commencement, the controversy surrounding the speaker — James D. Wolfensohn, president of the World Bank Group — has increased. In numerous places throughout the community, I see references to planned protests and boycotts. I have heard people use phrases such as "it will be a real slap in the face ..." and "we'll make sure Wolfensohn wishes he never came ..." Furthermore, most of these people are fueled by the fact that they believe the entire campus — perhaps even the entire world — is united in support of them.

These would-be protesters, however, are forgetting one thing: This is Commencement! Commencement is a joyous occasion. This is something that we, the Class of 2002, have been working towards for four years. This is one of the few things that has kept us from being asphyxiated by the flow of knowledge

from the proverbial fire hose. I am saddened and angered (but not surprised) by the fact that these potential protesters feel that their cause is more important than celebrating the academic achievements of over a thousand undergraduates and numerous graduate students.

To these potential protesters, I say this: Think long and hard about whether protesting at Commencement is really worth it. Some of you are likely graduate students; would you have enjoyed your undergraduate commencement if there had been numerous people demonstrating, carrying signs, and yelling things? Do you really think it's fair that the students who have worked so hard should be punished because Vest picked a speaker that many people don't like? Is it fair to the parents who have traveled thousands of miles, and paid numerous bursar's bills, that all videos and photos of commencement should contain a bunch of loud students yelling slogans in the direction of the podium?

Protest all you want when Wolfensohn arrives in Boston. Follow his motorcade down Memorial Drive yelling slogans. Stick flyers on the windshield of his car while he's stuck in traffic on the Central Artery. Find out where the next World Bank meeting is and start a riot outside the doors if you feel it will make the world a better place. Just don't ruin Commencement.

John D. Reed '02

## Erratum

The article "MIT, Harvard Faculty Petition Universities' Israel Investments" [April 30] misspelled the name of a Harvard University psychology professor. He is Ken Nakayama, not Natayama.

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# It's Geek To Me

Philip Burrowes

We are in the midst of a geekiness nexus the likes of which the world has not seen since man invented the video game sprite Webcomic. The *Star Trek* franchise is celebrating its all-important coral/jade anniversary. At the same time, *Star Wars* is celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of *A New Hope* and the upcoming release of Episode II (if we ignore the title, maybe it will go away). Fans of Marvel Comics' *Spider-Man* can mark the end to a hundred hyperbole-filled years of waiting on the webslinger's movie this weekend.

Nobody could have foreseen that these stories would go as far as they did. NBC tried to cancel *Star Trek: TOS* at least three times, most motion picture studios passed on *Star Wars*, and Spider-Man debuted as a throwaway character in the last issue of "Amazing Fantasy." Yet, thanks to their rabid fan support, each series persevered, leading to resurgences in their respective genres. This begs the question: which of the three groups has the proudest, most knowledgeable, longest-suffering — i.e. geekiest — fans?

Trekkies would seem to have the competition locked up. After all, the other two groups don't even have names ("Warsies" don't count). Had they stopped to think about it, they would've coined the contraction "cosplay" (costume play) too, given their tendency to dress the part. Moreover, they have had to live through the hardest times of the three fan bases, having to deal with several cancellations, learning to settle with syndication/UPN, and even going to see the odd-numbered movie installments. It seems such acquaintance with mediocrity has taught Trekkies the merits of satisfaction in the Buddhist vein, for if you don't want, you will always be satisfied. For this reason, there was little noticeable fanfare over *Enterprise*, and the tenth movie is creeping upon us unnoticed. Nor does age explain

their lack of fanaticism, for *Spider-Man* predates them and has a more consistent presence than *Star Wars*.

Between the end of the Ewok cartoon in 1987 and the reintroduction of the "Power of the Force" toy line in 1995, there was no representation of *Star Wars* among the general populace besides the memory. Yes, there were still books being published, but who ever heard of a fan following generated solely by books (well, before last year)?

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That the memory was so indelible is a testament as much to the fans as to the movies themselves. Non-canonical works during this period, no longer constrained by the worry that the next movie could wipe away their plots, were absorbed to the point that people are actually convinced Boba Fett should have a backstory. Following the initial trilogy's "final" VHS release in 1995, we had seven special years of merchandising mania, and now the people who haven't seen one of the films are the odd ones out. Many have the audacity to think of the movies they go see as just that, ignoring the wealth of computer games, novels, and even the side-stories of the originals. Geekdom and popularity don't match.

*Spider-Man* fans never truly had the problem of being popular, because comics have been relegated to an already geeky status



by U.S. society (stupid, stupid U.S. society). Even worse, the comic "industry" has fallen from its early-90s height in prosperity, as fostered by celluloid hits like *Batman* and the glorification of the vigilantism he personified.

Unfortunately, as comic readers grew up they — for the most part — realized that "mature" comics weren't really mature, and instead decided to do grownup things like perpetuating the patriarchy. During the contemporaneous superhero cartoon renaissance, *Spider-Man* enjoyed success on FOX while the comic bogged down during the infamous "Clone Saga" (there's that word again). Only after the cartoon's cancellation did the comics return to the top of the sales charts. Long story short, people became *Spider-Man* fans at so many different times, that while all are geeky they are not geeky in one identifiable way.

No, the geekiest fan base is a sleeper that is only currently on the rise. *Transformers* has combined all the geekiest elements of the former three along with the general appeal of big robots to create a geek force awesome to behold. During the 1980s, Hasbro (which would buy Kenner in 1991) commissioned Marvel to animate a half-hour advertisement for several lines of Japanese toys it had licensed from Takara, and the *Transformers* cartoon was born. While the toy line has enjoyed a revival thanks to the syndicated, CG *Beast Wars*, the traditional characters came back this month in comic book form, vaulting the artists of faux-Japanese studio Dreamwave to the top of the sales chart. Comics, toys, cartoons, and overage fanboys: it doesn't get much geekier than that, folks.

All this discussion of geekdom has largely ignored the women who attend the BotCons of the world. That the above products did the same is no excuse. Rather it compounds the problem: not the problem of marginalizing women, but of marginalizing geeks. For too long, it has been assumed that just because a guy is wearing a shirt with a Federation insignia on it, or reading a Timothy Zahn novel, or saving up his UROP stipend to buy that die-cast Convoy from Tokyo Girl, he's a loser. Sure, it's true, but next time you see somebody like that, tell him he's not alone. He'll probably be too intimidated by the presence of a female to reply, but rest assured, you made his day.

## Fair Labor Standards For Some

Dan Tortorice

Currently, MIT's administration is considering joining the Fair Labor Association and the Workers' Rights Consortium. These organizations inspect factories that produce apparel for their members, trying to make these factories adhere to certain labor standards. In addition, the administration is considering its own code of conduct for its contractors. Some elements suggested for the code are a living wage, voluntary overtime, increased health and safety regulations, and a non-discrimination policy. This issue has been the subject of intense discussion but the discussion has not included or, in the case of Stephanie Wang's article "The Inhuman Fabric" [Feb. 22] has willfully ignored, the economic consequences of such requirements.

This is irresponsible. If people are going to create policy affecting the poor of developing countries, they should study the consequences of that policy. Generally when economists explains the economic consequences of a specific action, they use abstract economic reasoning. I will do a bit of that later. Fortunately, there is very recent empirical evidence on the economic consequences of imposing a living wage requirement, so let's look at that first.

You may not know, but many cities in the United States have passed laws requiring employers to pay a living wage. In response to its living wage policy the city of Santa Monica conducted a survey of employers. Forty percent of restaurants said they were very likely to lay off workers, as did nearly half of the hotels. Seventy percent of the hotels said they would hire fewer workers in the future. David Neumark, a professor of economics at Michigan State University, used data on cities which enacted living wages and concluded that the living wage decreased employment.

This empirical evidence indicates that requiring MIT's suppliers to enact a living wage will result in some workers losing their jobs. This is not necessarily a reason to reject the living wage requirement. It is of course possible that the lives of workers who keep their jobs improve enough that we are willing to live with a few workers losing their jobs. If one is to take this position, I believe the only

appropriate cost of action is to, in the short term, admit that you are sacrificing the well-being of a few for the good of the many, and, in the long term, fight for some type of social structure to ensure that unemployed workers are able to receive the basic necessities of life.

Perhaps the empirical evidence is not enough to convince you that a living wage and increased labor standards will cause some workers to lose their jobs. So let me give you three reasons why we would expect this result.

First, we can think about the factories as hiring workers in order to make the largest profit possible. Let's think of a factory that produces clothing apparel. It needs a certain number of workers to be able to produce anything. After that the more you add the more you produce. But given limited space and machines, the production the first additional worker adds will be more than the production the twentieth worker adds and so on. As the firm hires more workers, the value the next worker adds becomes smaller. If the firm is to make the most amount of money possible, it will hire workers until the value of the production the next worker adds is less than the wage the company must pay that worker. If you raise the wage that the company must pay, the company will stop hiring workers earlier. The point where the value of adding an additional worker is less than the new, higher wage occurs at a lower level of employment.

A second reason why employment will be reduced stems from a correction of a common misconception about businesses. Often it is thought that as long as a business is making profit, we can take some of that profit, and as long as we don't take it all, it will stay in business. This is clearly wrong. Let's say you have all your money in a savings account that, after inflation, makes one percent interest annually. If we applied the above misconception we

would conclude that you wouldn't move your money because you are making a profit. But, in fact, you are not really making a profit because there are other options for your money, for example a mutual fund, that will make a higher profit. Similarly, a business needs to make enough profit to justify not selling its assets and investing in another industry. When you raise labor costs for a company, you reduce profits. Those firms that were making just enough to want to stay in the industry, now will want to leave. They won't be employing people in that industry any more, and industry employment will be reduced.

The third theoretical reason is perhaps the most important, because it reveals a powerful harm of enforcing workers' rights: it is the least fortunate workers who lose their jobs. Imagine a company increases the wages it pays and makes the work environment more pleasant. People previously not willing to work at the company will now be willing to work there.

Chances are, these people are more productive workers than the ones currently working at the factory; they were not willing to work at the old company because they were able, because of personal ability, to get better jobs elsewhere. Now given the choice between the more productive workers and their old workers the company will give the new workers jobs and their old workers the boot.

Unemployment of workers is the inevitable economic consequence of enforcing labor standards. It's unbelievably arrogant and irresponsible to enact a policy and ignore the consequences and their unavoidable harms. However, I do not write to damn fair labor standards. They are a just right that we should fight for. But we must not rest on our laurels and ignore those workers who are harmed by the policy; instead we should fight tirelessly to see that they too are helped.

# Sacrificing Education

Vivek Rao

No more than a couple of months ago, President George W. Bush accused North Korean leaders of sacrificing basic needs such as food and education in order to finance the military. If this was in fact the central criticism that led Bush to claim North Korea as part of an "Axis of Evil," then that line must now be extended through the White House.

The last week has seen the culmination of a debate in Washington over whether to cut government funding for college loans. Bush and his administration had suggested that federal student loans should no longer feature fixed interest rates, calling instead for variable rates that would result in greater costs to the low- and middle-income students eligible for such loans, but would free up upwards of \$1.3 billion dollars in the federal budget.

On the surface, Bush's argument may have seemed reasonable enough. After all, he claimed that the money made available by the proposed policy would mostly be given to the Pell Grants program, which directly contributes money toward the higher education of low-income students. That seems simple enough: take money from one group of needy students and give it to another. At least the government would still be funding education, right? Wrong.

Perhaps the most disturbing aspect of the President's proposal was that some White House spokesmen claimed that taxpayers should realize that if both the fixed interest rates on loans and the Pell program were to be maintained, it would result in an unnecessary additional cost of over a billion tax dollars. That is utter and complete nonsense, and Congress knew it. Most Democrats, and even a few Republicans, applied pressure on Bush to the point that he backed off from his plan. Even though the measure failed, the attitude and mindset behind it are rather disturbing.

The United States of America has always been a nation that has placed a high value on education. To develop intelligent, well-informed human beings capable of participating in and enhancing a democracy, education is essential. We pride ourselves on the easy availability of public education and the quality of our higher educational institutions, yet now the Oval Office is telling us that we need to choose between two very important and useful financial aid programs.

Two points of contention must be considered here, and the first is one that applies to virtually every one of Bush's policies. By insisting on tax breaks and cuts that will do nothing more than help the nation's elite get richer and more powerful, the President continues to sacrifice important programs. Maybe it's not his fault. After all, he grew up in a well-to-do family, received the best education that money can buy, and had the path to a career in politics paved for him. What he no doubt sees in taxes is a menace intended to steal money from the wealthy, and of course, it is this same upper-class money that helps finance Bush's campaigns and maintains his political machine. So the natural result is a strict budget that forces policymakers choose between key programs. In any government, sacrifices must be made in order to satisfy financial restrictions, but these days such sacrifices seem more frequent than at any point in recent memory.

The second problem is, logically, what is being sacrificed. Even a relatively tight spending limit, given efficient and sensible budget allocations, can succeed in financing most fundamental domestic policies and programs. Yet like his North Korean counterparts, Bush insists, like any good Republican, on pouring money into the military and foreign policy while neglecting some of the key issues plaguing our nation today, such as the lack of widespread medical coverage and the absurdly high cost of education.

If George W. Bush does indeed believe, as most Americans do, that education is a basic requisite for the strengthening of our nation, and that access to education is a fundamental right, then he should reevaluate his priorities. Both the Pell Grants and the concept of fixed interest on federal student loans are key ingredients to making college affordable for thousands of students every year. Compare that to a few extra missiles or fighter planes. Only when the President realizes that such a comparison is not even close and that the value of education outweighs the use of many other government expenditures can he start pointing fingers across the seas.

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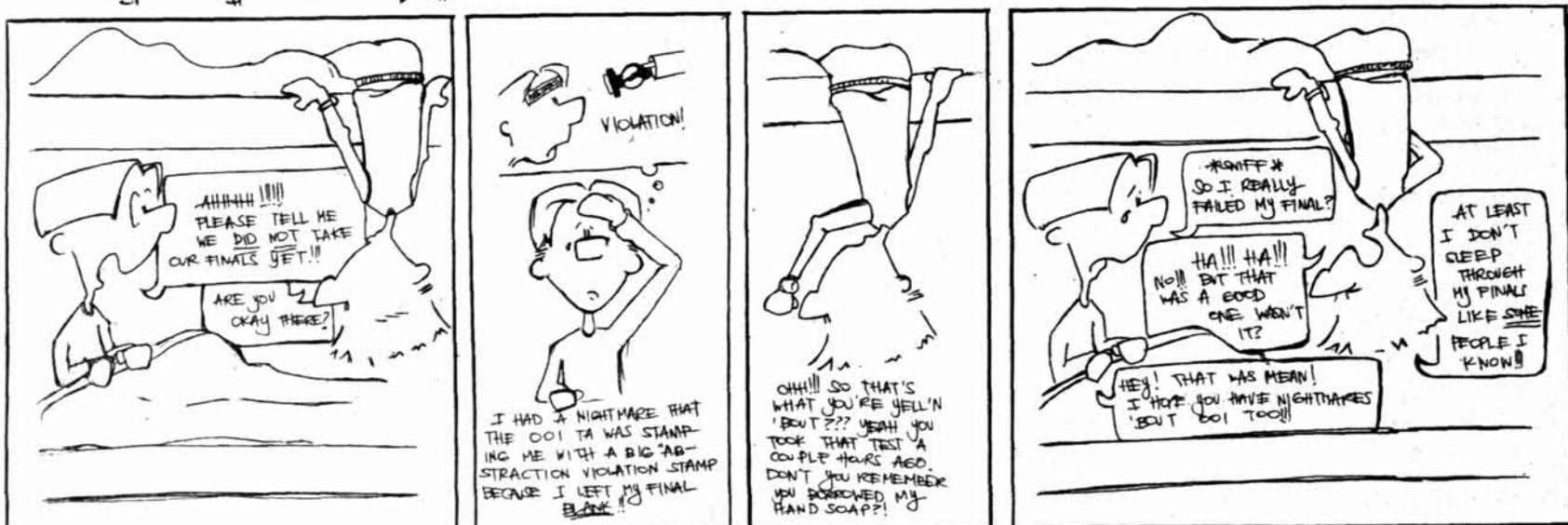
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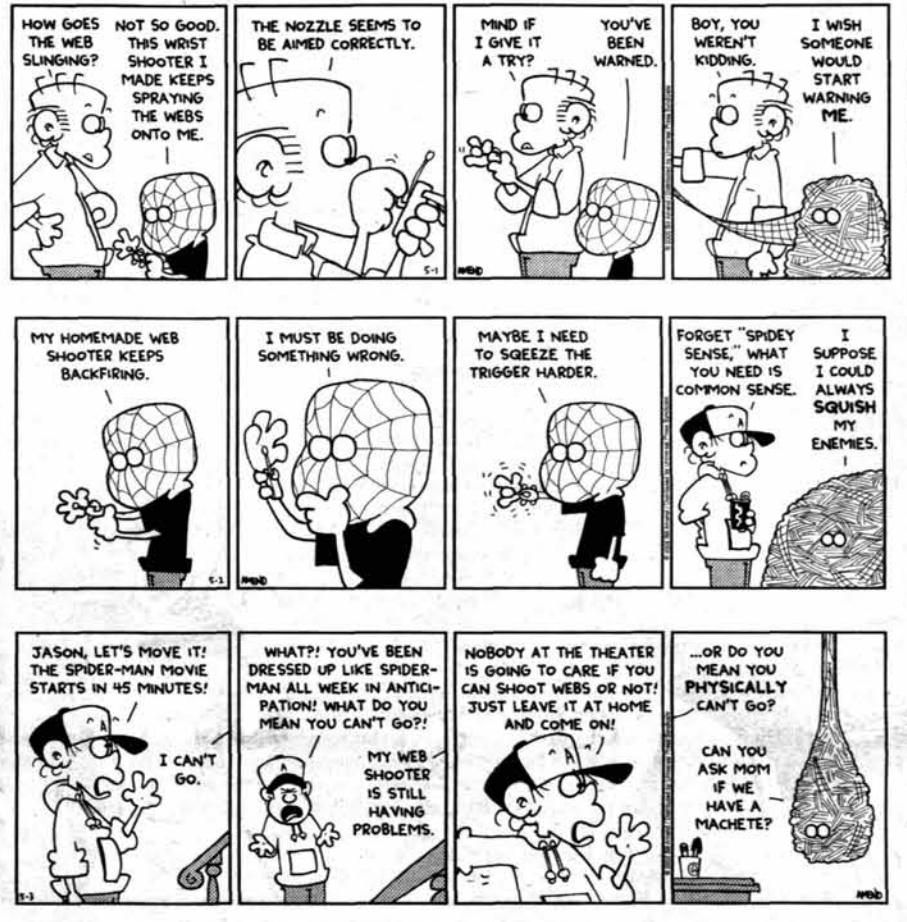
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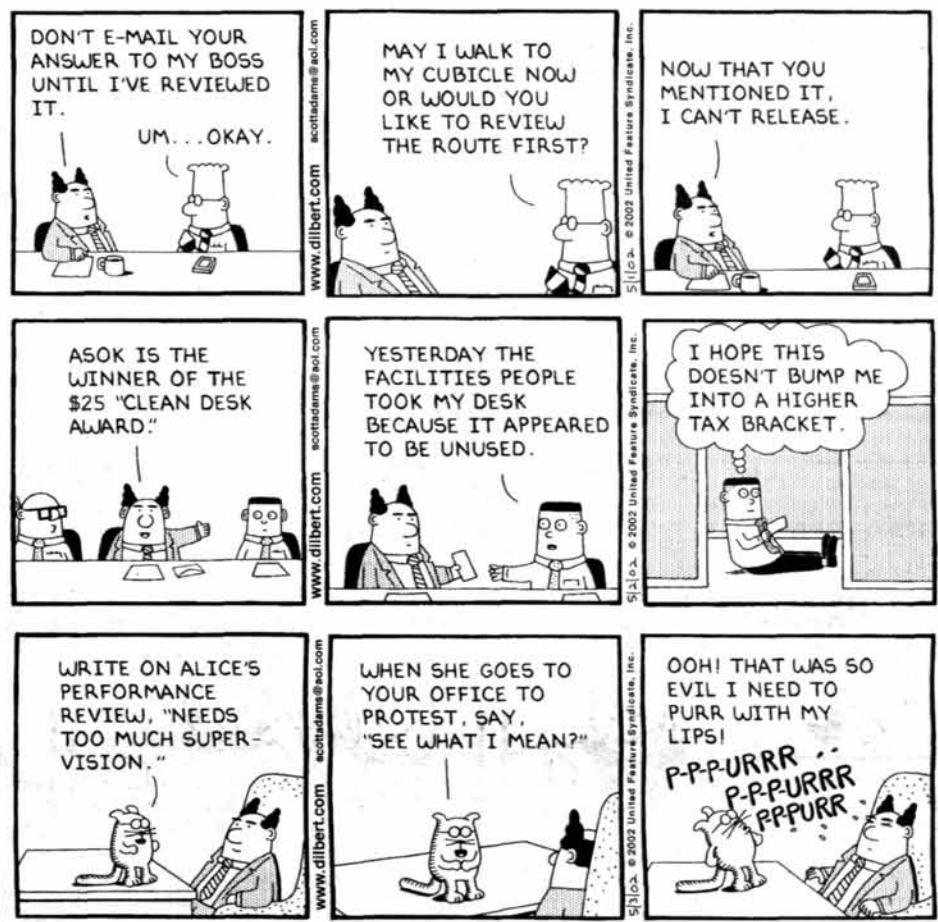
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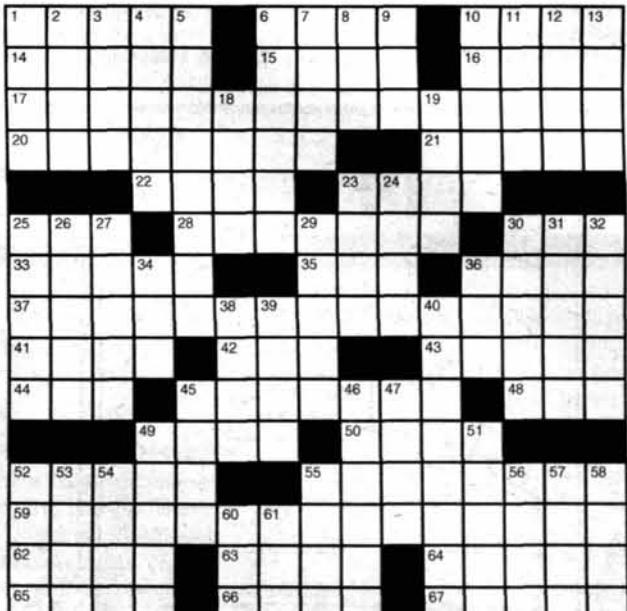
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Monster's Ball is a hard-hitting Southern drama tempered by a story of life-changing love. Billy Bob Thornton stars as Hank, an embittered prison guard working on Death Row, who begins an unlikely but emotionally charged affair with Leticia (Halle Berry), the wife of a man he has just executed. Filmed on location in and around New Orleans and at the notorious Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola (also known as "The Farm").

Shows Daily at 12:15, 3:20, 6:30, 10:00pm  
Shows Daily at 11:40am, 2:45, 5:00, 7:30, 9:55pm



Jessica—a sensitive but neurotic New York journalist—sees an intriguing personal ad: only problem—it's in the "Women Seeking Women" section. On a whim, she decides to answer. She meets Helen Cooper for drinks and, to her surprise, they click instantly. With conventional gender roles absent, the two women begin a hilarious courtship, making up the rules as they go along.

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# Events Calendar

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**Friday, May 3**

**9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Forum-Iberia.** Meeting between scholars and professionals working in the US and Spanish institutions and companies. Free. Room: W20-201. Sponsor: Iberia. Consulate of Spain, Fundacion Juan March, Generalitat, Univ Complutense, Univ Carlos III, ICREA.

**9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Booksale.** MIT Libraries' Booksale. Books in Engineering, Math, Computer Science, Miscellaneous Sciences, Linguistics, Philosophy, Psychology, and Miscellaneous. Proceeds benefit the MIT Libraries' Preservation Fund. Free. Room: Bush Room, 10-105. Sponsor: MIT Libraries Gifts Office.

**12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - ACDL Seminar.** "Probabilistic Design of Compressor Airfoils Under Geometric Uncertainty" by Victor Garzon. Free. Room: 33-206. Sponsor: AeroAstro.

**2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - MIT Sawyer Series, Modern Times, Rural Places.** "T Were All Fields Around Here When I Was a Boy, Making New Arcadian Memories." Free. Room: MIT, Building E51, Room 095 (Basement). Sponsor: STS.

**2:15 p.m. - Biology Colloquium.** Marc Tessier-Lavigne (Stanford Brain Research Center) will be delivering a lecture entitled, "The Logic and Molecular Mechanisms of Axon Guidance, Branching and Regeneration." \*Hosted by Serena Silver. Free. Room: 26-100. Sponsor: Biology.

**3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. - Mechanical Engineering Seminar.** "Design of Mechanical Systems for Dynamic Performance." Free. Room: 3-133. Sponsor: ME Seminar Series.

**3:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. - The Reformation and Rejuvenation of R.** Chemical Engineering Department Spring Seminar Series. Free. Room: 66-110. Sponsor: Chemical Engineering.

**5:00 p.m. - Advanced Music Performance Student Recital.** Amanda Wang '03, violin. Bach's "Partitas Nos. 2 and 3, BWV 1004/6" and "Violin Concerto in D minor, BWV 1052." Free. Room: Killian Hall. Sponsor: Music and Theater Arts Section.

**7:00 p.m. - MIT Anime Club Weekly Screening.** "Black Heaven" (10-13) and "Jubei-Chan" (11-13) and TBD. Most screenings are subtitled in English. The MIT Anime Club is a non-profit MIT student organization dedicated to increasing the awareness of Japanese animation (anime) on campus. Free. Room: Rm 35-225. Sponsor: MIT Anime Club.

**7:00 p.m. - Gosford Park.** It is November 1932. Gosford Park is the magnificent country estate to which Sir William McCordle and his wife, Lady Sylvia, gather relations and friends for a weekend shooting party. They have invited an eclectic group including a countess, a World War I hero, the British matinee idol Ivor Novello and an American film producer who makes Charlie Chan movies. As the guests assemble in the gilded drawing rooms above, their personal maids and valets swell the ranks of the house servants in the teeming kitchens and corridors below-stairs. But all is not as it seems: neither amongst the bejeweled guests lunching and dining at their enormous leisure, nor in the attic bedrooms and stark work stations where the servants labor for the comfort of their employers. Part comedy of manners and part mystery, the tale portrays events that bridge generations, class, sex, tragic personal history — and culminate in a murder (or is it two murders?). \$3. Room: 26-100. Sponsor: LSC.

**8:00 p.m. - One Flea Spare.** Dramashop production of play by Naomi Wallace. Directed by Guest Instructor Daniel Alexander Jones. \$8, \$6 students w/ID. Room: Kresge Little Theater. Sponsor: Dramashop.

**8:00 p.m. - "American Song and Dance." (MIT American Music Series-March 2-May 10).** MIT Wind Ensemble, Frederick Harris, Music Director, Special guest violinist Young-Nam Kim, composers Peter Child and Gunther Schuller. Featuring the world premiere of a work for violin and chamber winds by Prof Peter Child. Also on the program Schuller's "Song and Dance" and Hindemith's Symphony in Bb. 7:15 p.m.-Pre-concert talk/demonstration (Call to confirm). \$3 at the door. Room: Kresge Auditorium. Sponsor: Music and Theater Arts Section.

**9:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. - Grad Hillel Shabbat Soiree.** Dessert reception for grad students. Free. Sponsor: Graduate Hillel, Graduate Student Council.

**9:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. - Club Z: Make-Your-Own Ice Cream Sundaes + Live Jazz.** Enjoy free make-your-own ice cream sundaes while you listen to the Gustavo Agatiello Jazz Trio perform live. Free. Room: 20 Chimneys (Student Center 3rd floor). Sponsor: ClubZ.

**10:30 p.m. - Gosford Park.** \$3. Room: 26-100. Sponsor: LSC.

**Saturday, May 4**

**7:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Making it to the Big Leagues: A Playbook for Growing Technology Companies.** Do you have what it takes to make it to the World Series? Keynote address by Dean Kamen of Segway LLC, and all-star panelists from Venture and Entrepreneurial Service Firms in the Boston area will help you get the information on the strategies and plays you need to make it to be the world champions. Students \$45 with Valid School ID. Forum Members who register before April 11th \$110 Non Members who register before April 11th \$159. After April 11th Members \$140 Non-Members \$189. Room: The Burlington Marriott, Burlington MA. Sponsor: MIT Enterprise Forum of Cambridge, Inc. Brown Rudnick Berlack Israels and Testa, Hurwitz.

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**9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - "Rafael Moneo: 1965-1985."** Architecture Symposium led by Valeria Koukoutsis-Mazarakis with respondents Rafael Moneo and others. Free. Room: Rm 6-120. Sponsor: Department of Architecture.

**2:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - TMRC Open House.** This is the first Tech Model Railroad Club (TMRC) Open House when we will be operating with the new System3 control hardware and software. Come run trains with us up to 12 trains using the new electronic network controls! The Open House runs from 2-5 p.m. and 7-10 p.m. \*Everyone\* is welcome, from 1 to 115 years old! Free. Room: N52-118 (MIT Museum Building, 1st Floor). Sponsor: Tech Model Railroad Club (TMRC).

**6:00 p.m. - Movements in Time 10th Anniversary Concert.** Movements In Time Dance Company, an amateur

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dance group at MIT, exposes dancers within the MIT community to professional quality choreography in a wide range of dance techniques, including ballet, modern, jazz, hip-hop, pointe and tap. Performances include jazz, Latin, ballet, hip-hop, and modern dance. Reception follows. \$5 at door; \$4 in advance. Room: Sala de Puerto Rico. Sponsor: Movements in Time.

**7:00 p.m. - MIT Gospel Choir Spring Concert.** Free. Room: Lobdell Dining Hall. Sponsor: Gospel Choir, MIT.

**7:00 p.m. - Black Hawk Down.** Late in the afternoon of Sunday, October 3, 1993, the soldiers of Task Force Ranger were sent on a mission to capture two top lieutenants of a renegade warlord and return to base. It was supposed to take them about an hour. Instead, they were pinned down through a long and terrible night in a hostile city, locked in a desperate struggle to kill or be killed. When the unit was finally rescued the following morning, eighteen American soldiers were dead and dozens more badly injured. The Somali toll was far worse: more than five hundred killed and over a thousand wounded. Based on a true story. \$3. Room: 26-100. Sponsor: LSC.

**8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. - Patrol.** Shoot your friends! Travel to strange, new classrooms; meet interesting, unusual people; and kill them. A team game of shoot-em-up; guns provided. Free. Room: Building 36, First Floor. Sponsor: Assassins' Guild, MIT.

**8:00 p.m. - One Flea Spare.** Dramashop production of play by Naomi Wallace. Directed by Guest Instructor Daniel Alexander Jones. \$8, \$6 students w/ID. Room: Kresge Little Theater. Sponsor: Dramashop.

**8:00 p.m. - "American Originals." (MIT American Music Series-March 2-May 10).** Aardvark presents an eclectic program featuring works by Gottschalk, Ives, Ellington and MIT Lecturer Mark Harvey celebrating the diversity of American music. Gottschalk's "Bamboula," Ives' "Housatonic at Stockbridge," Ellington's "The River" [excerpts] and a world premiere of a work by Harvey. (Call to confirm). Free. Room: Kresge Auditorium. Sponsor: Music and Theater Arts Section.

**8:00 p.m. - Chorallaries Spring Concert.** 25th Anniversary. Free. Room: 10-250. Sponsor: Chorallaries of MIT. The.

**9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. - La Fete, a Spring Formal for the MIT graduate community.** Edgerton House hosts its first Spring Formal, featuring live swing and latin music from the acclaimed White Heat Sextet in a beautifully decorated courtyard, a DJ spinning dance music in Club Edgerton, a vast selection of divine desserts and irresistible edibles, and cash service by the Thirsty Ear. \$15. Room: Edgerton House, 143 Albany St. Sponsor: Edgerton House Residents' Association. The Dean for Student Life, The Dean for Graduate Students and the Graduate Student Council Activities Committee.

**10:30 p.m. - Black Hawk Down.** \$3. Room: 26-100. Sponsor: LSC.

**Sunday, May 5**

**3:30 p.m. - Movements in Time 10th Anniversary Concert.** Movements In Time Dance Company, an amateur dance group at MIT, exposes dancers within the MIT community to professional quality choreography in a wide range of dance techniques, including ballet, modern, jazz, hip-hop, pointe and tap. Performances include jazz, Latin, ballet, hip-hop, and modern dance. \$5 at door, \$4 in advance. Room: Roxbury Community College Media Arts Center (1234 Columbus Ave., Boston). Sponsor: Movements in Time.

**7:00 p.m. - Gosford Park.** \$3. Room: 26-100. Sponsor: LSC.

**10:30 p.m. - Black Hawk Down.** \$3. Room: 26-100. Sponsor: LSC.

**Monday, May 6**

**12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Eudora Quick Start.** This session shows how to configure Eudora, create messages and address lists, send and receive attachments, and sort incoming email. Room: N42 Demo. Sponsor: Information Systems.

**12:00 p.m. - Faculty/Staff Concert, Department of Architecture.** Please join us for a spring concert of representatives of the Architecture Faculty and Staff on Monday, May 6, 12:00, in MIT's Killian Hall. This is a wonderful way to welcome the end of the term, take a brief break from your workload, and experience another side of those with whom you work on a daily basis. Performers include Professors John Fernandez, William Porter, Stephen Senturia, and staff members Jose Arguello, Rebecca Chamberlain, and Anne Rhodes, performing the music of Brahms, Britten, Debussy, Chopin, Faure, Messiaen, Puccini, and others. Free. Room: Killian Hall. Sponsor: Department of Architecture.

**4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - See the Simons Lecture Series.** Free. Room: 4-159. Sponsor: Differential Geometry Seminar. Department of Mathematics.

**4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Annual Arthur Miller Lecture on Science and Ethics.** The Troubled Helix: Ethical Conflicts and Political Choices in the New Biology. Free. Room: Bartos Theater, E15-070. Sponsor: STS.

**5:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. - The Resilient City Colloquium: Trauma, Recovery and Remembrance.** MIT's Resilient City project was conceived in response to the terrorist attacks that destroyed New York's World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001. The colloquium will examine critically how cities in the past have endured traumatic episodes, and prevailed to establish new order out of chaos and devastation. Weekly lecture series. Free. Room: Room 10-485. Sponsor: Department of Urban Studies and Planning.

**7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. - Hungarian Folk Dancing.** Mezosegi - folk dance classes. \$2. Room: 1-371. Sponsor: Hungarian Student Association of MIT.

**8:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. - UA Council Meeting.** Meeting of the Undergraduate Association Council. Find out what's happening on campus! Free. Room: w20-400. Sponsor: Undergraduate Association.

**10:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. - Music at The Ear.** The Lab8 Drum and Bass crew starts at 10 p.m. The Thirsty Ear Pub is located in the Ashdown House basement. Enter through the courtyard. Hours: Monday: 9 p.m. - 1 a.m. Tuesday - Thursday: 7 p.m. - 1 a.m. Friday: 4 p.m. - 2 a.m. Must be over 21. Proper ID required. This event is funded in part by the Grants Program of the Council for the Arts at MIT. Free. Room: The Thirsty Ear Pub. Sponsor: The Thirsty Ear Pub. ATat, MITDMC.

# ON THE SCREEN

— BY THE TECH ARTS STAFF —

The following movies are playing this weekend at local theaters. The Tech suggests using <http://ae.boston.com/movies/> for a complete listing of times and locations.

★★★ Excellent

★★ Good

★★ Fair

★ Poor

**Blade II ★★★**

Although the plot is even less original than the first, *Blade II* still delivers with its blood-drenched, dark vision of the world hidden beneath our own. If you want a serious movie with a deep story, move on, but if you want hard action and horrific visuals, see *Blade II*.

— Dan Robey

**Death to Smoochy ★★½**

Warner Brothers markets the film's mascot as an adorable plush rhinoceros in a body bag, a symbol evocative of the guilty laughs and twisted humor that characterize the movie. *Smoochy* viewers will raise eyebrows or do double-takes at twisted concepts like the involvement of the Irish mob, Edward Norton dressed as a giant rhinoceros, and Danny DeVito, in this hilarious satire of the children's television industry. —Sandra M. Chung

**Human Nature ★**

This film's tongue-in-cheek title refers to a twisted mockery of modern science and modern humanity à la *Brave New World*. An etiquette-obsessed behaviorist (Tim Robbins)

and a hairy naturalist (Patricia Arquette) differ over experimenting on a human raised in complete ignorance of civilization. —Sandra M. Chung

**Monsoon Wedding ★★**

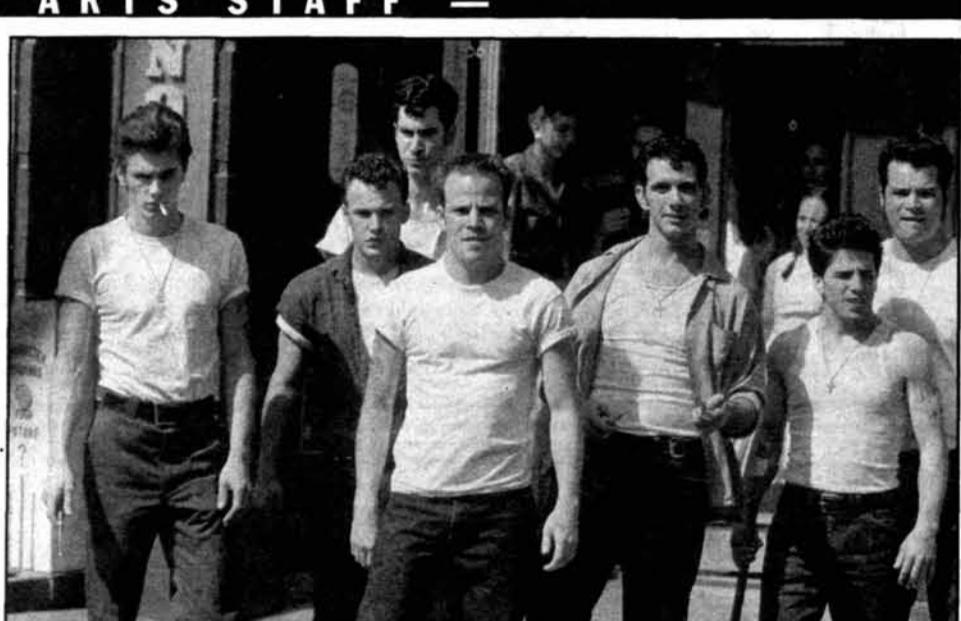
The arranged marriage of a young Indian couple in Delhi brings together a whole cast of delightful characters who sing, laugh and cry as they are reawakened and strengthened by the power of love to bring people together. *Monsoon Wedding* is a vibrant, light-hearted romantic comedy with a talented, all-star Indian cast and the intimate creative touch of Mira Nair. — Jonathan Choi

**Panic Room ★★½**

While thrilling and fun for a while, *Panic Room* falls short of its ultimate potential and is overall forgettable. Though the last part of the burglary saga is spectacular, the ending leaves much to be desired. Fincher decides to end the story in no particular fashion, only notifying the audience that it's time to go home. — Brian Loux

**Resident Evil ★½**

While its violence is barely excessive enough to make you cringe, its plot is not dynamic enough to make you truly care. If you're looking for a cheap thrill ride, *Resident Evil* can adequately conjure your adrenaline. If not, then avoid this one like the T-virus. — Jumaane Jeffries



— SAM EMERSON  
James Franco, Brad Renfro, Alex City, Stephen Dorff, Ronnie Marmo, Danny Cistone, and Shamus Murphy (left to right) as the Deuces in "Deuces Wild."

**Y Tu Mamá También ★★**

Two doped-up and horny friends, convince a scorned cousin-in-law to accompany them on a road trip to an imaginary beach on Mexico's Pacific coast. Along the way the three friends learn to live, laugh and love. What *Y Tu Mamá* lacks in setup and loses in slight excess is more than compensated for by an unusual sobriety rarely found in American teen movies. — Jed Horne

**The Scorpion King ★★**

Even though *The Scorpion King* isn't flawless, and even if it doesn't make sense at times, it makes up for it in coolness. If you're not prepared to overlook the movie's flaws, don't see the movie. If you are, however, prepare to put your brain in neutral and be entertained, because *The Rock* delivers everything you would want in a good action movie. — Brian Loux

# French Students Protest Le Pen

By Michelle L. Povinelli  
STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Students from France gathered outside the French consulate in Boston on Wednesday to show their opposition to the strong showing of extreme-right candidate Jean-Marie Le Pen in the first round of France's presidential elections. The rally drew about fifteen students and postdoctoral researchers, mostly from MIT and Harvard.

According to the rally call circulated by organizer Thomas Chaney G, the purpose of the demonstration was for French students "to express their shame and their rejection of the rise of extreme right in France," and to stand against "hatred, xenophobia, and racism."

## Students defend image of France

Students at the rally were eager to convey that Le Pen, known for his racist comments and the anti-immigration platform of his National Front Party, is not representative of France. Stephane Vincent, a postdoctoral researcher at Harvard, said "Most people in France do not agree with what happened two weeks ago. I don't want people to start thinking that France is not a friendly country."

Jean B. Rolland, a teaching assistant at Harvard said, "We don't want Jean-Marie Le Pen to steal the very idea of France."

Le Pen won 17 percent of the vote in the first round, coming in second in the field of candidates. This makes him eligible to run in the second round against current President Jacques Chirac, who received the most votes.

While Le Pen lacks a majority, students at the rally nevertheless felt that it was important to express their concern. Pascaline Dupas, a visiting student at Harvard, said "We know he will not be elected, but to know that one French person out of five is racist is kind of unbearable." Le Pen's platform also includes opposition to abortion and the EU, and he supports the death penalty. "People have to be responsible — when you vote for someone, you are agreeing with his program," Dupas said.

Helene Landemore, a graduate student at Harvard, criticized Le Pen's general platform, saying, "It's so completely anti-everything we believe in. This is a ridiculous idea to get rid of Europe and get rid of abortion — everything is such a shame."

Delphine Roy, a teaching assistant at Harvard, said that it was "going back over 30 years of struggle to improve the lot of women in France."

After gathering at the consulate, students linked arms and walked to Copley Place and back, holding signs reading "No to the National Front" and "We like smelly cheese but not Le Pen."

The rally day was chosen to coincide with much larger protests in France, where an estimated one million people rallied in the streets against Le Pen and the National Front.

## Le Pen does poorly in Boston

Several student representatives met with the Consul General of France in Boston, Stéphane Chmelewsky, to explain the rally's

message. After one student joked about a Le Pen campaign poster on the wall, Chmelewsky clarified that posting both candidates' official posters was obligatory.

Chmelewsky showed the students the first-round election results for votes cast at the Consulate, where French nationals in New England can vote. In contrast to France, Le Pen did very poorly in Boston, with less than 3 percent of the votes, or 11 out of 429 people. Lionel Jospin, the Socialist candidate, edged out Chirac 29% to 24%.

Like many in France, students who voted for Jospin in the first round will reluctantly be voting for the conservative Chirac in the second round to keep Le Pen out of office. Jerome Huber G said, "Some people say, 'I'm proud to vote for a thief rather than a fascist.'" Chirac has been accused of corruption in the past.

Although the total number of people voting for Le Pen in this election did not significantly increase over previous years, his success was likely due to low voter turnout combined with a surplus of leftist candidates.

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### Stata Center

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### Simmons Hall

Installation of windows and windowpanes continues. Installation of the permanent roof membrane is complete.

### Zesiger Sports & Fitness Center

Removal of scaffolding will begin during the week of April 29-May 3. Dry wall framing work and rough plumbing continue on all floors.

### Dreyfus Chemistry Building

Installation of mechanical, electrical, and piping systems continues on all floors. Moving of faculty into new lab spaces is underway.

### 70 Pacific Street

Interior drywalling continues. Painting, floor tiling, and installation of bathroom finishes

### Memorial Drive Traffic Signals

The Traffic Lights at Wadsworth and Endicott Streets are fully installed and operational. Landscaping work is underway.

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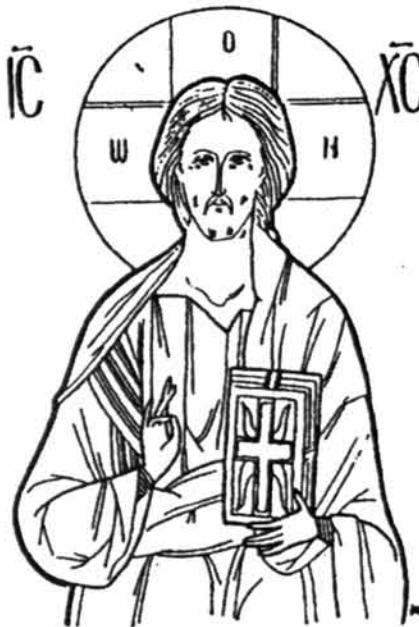
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# Orthodox Christians: This week is Holy Week!

Join your fellow MIT students in attending church services. Visit the Orthodox Christian Fellowship homepage (at [web.mit.edu/ocf/www](http://web.mit.edu/ocf/www)) to see directions and service times at local churches. Everyone is welcome to join us in worship!

Also, mark your calendar for our Bright Thursday vespers service with the Boston Byzantine Choir, at **6:30 on May 9** in the chapel. Refreshments will be served afterwards. Everyone is welcome to join us!

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**Monday, May 6, 2002,  
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# Students Uninvolved In Banking Decision

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the Chancellor, the dean's office, and other interested parties."

"It came as a surprise to all of us [students]," said Dormitory Council President Matthew S. Cain '02.

"If MIT came to us and said, 'Hi, we do not like these outside bank accounts. What do we need to do to make them usable to students?' than would be one thing, but this seems a lot less friendly," said Roger A. Ford '02, chairman of the Lecture Series Committee.

Leaders of the Undergraduate Association, the Graduate Student Council, DormCon and the ASA were notified of the policy change via e-mail on Monday.

On Tuesday they met with several interested parties, including administrators at the Office of Residential Life and Student Life Programs and representatives of the Office of the Treasurer. Bufferd was not at the meeting.

The goal of the meeting was "to figure out how to tell the MIT community about this change," Cain said. However, "that was not what the students wanted to do."

"We're very frustrated by the lack of student involvement in this decision," Cain said. This change "directly affects the 60 to 70 treasurers that deal with these accounts. It also affects the other club officers and all the people who buy things and have to get reimbursed."

Bufferd and Ward said the change would make life easier for student groups.

Monitoring by RLSLP "will make sure there's no chance for ... embezzlement. It affords [student groups] extra protection," Ward said.

#### Timing of policy draws criticism

The timing of this decision leaves little opportunity for students to respond to or amend the policy, which worries many student leaders. "I'm worried about the timing," Ford said. "Two months to comply is not a lot of time."

Cain said that choosing the end of the school year for such a policy change was especially rough since most students were preoccupied with projects and upcoming final exams, and many students will be leaving the area for the summer.

"And they weren't even planning to announce it yet," Cain said. "It's going to be a real mess trying to get this all straightened out."

"I think the timing is hard for students," Ward said. But "business is slower at the end of June," making it a logical time to make the change from MIT's perspective.

#### Reliability, options major issues

"I don't agree with [the policy change]," Cain said. "Right now the internal accounts don't have all the features, options, and convenience of the external accounts. They offer some services, and that's why I'm glad they're an option, but they shouldn't be the only option."

"It hurts the groups that deal with lots of cash on a weekly or monthly basis," Ford said. "I think it would be difficult for LSC to operate without an outside bank account."

"The removal of external bank accounts would be detrimental to student life and dormitory communities," according to a DormCon statement, which passed unanimously.

"An outside bank account is really helpful to a dorm govern-

ment," said Jennifer C. Shih '03, president of Burton-Conner House. "It allows us to quickly reimburse people and to easily write checks for large purchases."

"There's a big difference between having to go to the Student Center during business hours [and] walking down the hall to treasurer in your dorm," Cain said.

"Most houses give a fair number of reimbursements," he added. "[One dormitory] treasurer estimated that his house averaged about one check per day. That's a lot of paperwork and hassle if you go through" the Office of Residential Life and Student Life Programs.

#### Infrastructure changes on the way

"The [tools] for free and easy access to conduct business as a student organization need to be there," Bufferd said, adding that RLSLP would step up its services to provide "at least the same level of service" as outside banks.

Currently, someone from the Student Activities Office must countersign all checks written from internal accounts. "It is my understanding that that's going to change," Bufferd added.

At the Student Activities Finance Office, three to four people manage about 700 student group accounts. Ward said they were "looking at our staffing needs" and would probably soon be increasing their staff size, as well as improving their services.

For example, processing requests for reimbursement checks currently takes two to three days, but "we're looking make it more responsive," Ward said. She added that they were working to improve the online account access for student group accounts.

"They're aware that their services can be improved, and we gave them some things to work on that they weren't aware of," Cain said. "I think they genuinely will try to bring service up to the level of outside banks, but I'm pretty sure it can't happen by the first of July."

#### Previous attempts failed

This is not the first time in recent history that MIT has implemented this policy restricting outside accounts. Between 1993 and 1996, student groups were forbidden from having outside bank accounts using MIT's name and tax identification number.

At the time, there was only one account used by all the student organizations.

"It was a mess," Ward said. "Some groups lost money" because payments made to them were misdirected, and charges were not recorded accurately."

In 1996, what was then the office of Residence and Campus Activities lost approximately \$140,000 due to accounting and computer errors over the course of three years.

Because of the Institute's inability to deal with the high volume of transactions, in 1996 student groups were once again allowed to have accounts with outside banks.

The current system, where each student organization has its own account, was piloted with a small group of organizations in 1998 and became a fully operational system the following year, Ward said.

Between 1993 and 1996, several student groups got waivers allowing them to keep their outside bank accounts, Cain said. Among these were LSC, Alpha Phi Omega, and The Tech.

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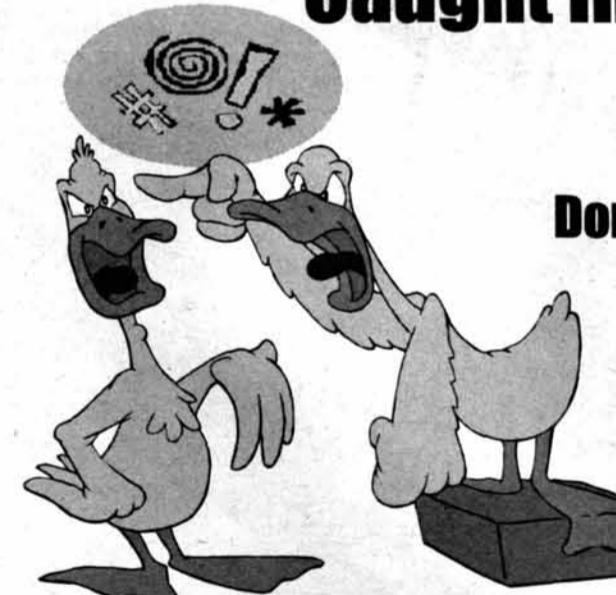
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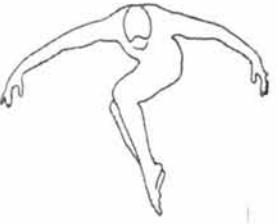
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## Further Events Planned

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"While it's not what we asked for, it's a good thing."

**Meeting may help resolve conflicts**

"I have reasonable expectations of the opportunity for our students to persuade [Wolfensohn] in some dimensions," Kolenbrander said. "Look, the World Bank isn't going to change radically as a result of this [meeting], but in some small ways there may be some change."

The student organizers, who include the four individuals at the Sunday meeting as well as Abigail S. Popp '02, expressed less optimism.

"I think there is utility to this event, and there are some merits to it, but I think it's also a disappointment," Parekh said. "It's a university, and it's good to have debates and open discussion about issues. It's a shame that 20 people on the campus get to participate when Wolfensohn will speak to a captive audience [at commencement], and no one is allowed to ask questions."

**Vest made 'passionate appeal'**

Amankwah-Ayeh said Wolfensohn was happy to be coming to MIT. "I just want the students to know Mr. Wolfensohn doesn't see [the controversy over his selection as commencement speaker] as bad at all," he said.

"Perhaps when he comes to speak you'll understand why he's coming to give this specific speech at MIT," he said. "There are 10 commencement addresses that he has turned down for this year only," Amankwah-Ayeh said, adding that Wolfensohn decided to come to MIT partly because "President Vest made such a passionate appeal."

President Charles M. Vest said that Amankwah-Ayeh was probably referring "to discussing with [Wolfensohn] my passion for MIT OpenCourseWare and the role it can play in creating education opportunity in the developing world."

Amankwah-Ayeh said the controversy at MIT over Wolfensohn's selection as commencement speaker is unprecedented at previous graduate addresses he has given. "Now all of a sudden we find this controversy on campus," he said.

"It is great that we actually get this level of controversy because it helps to get everybody on board," Amankwah-Ayeh said. He said that it was good for academic discourse "that we get these shades of opinion. It is the basic human rights of all individuals to express their opinions."

**Organizers plan other forums**

The five student organizers are also planning other forums, including a screening of the film "Life and Debt," on June 6, the day before commencement.

"We wanted to think of a creative way to providing an alternative viewpoint to what James Wolfensohn is presenting at commencement," Parekh said. The film "chronicles the effect that policies, many of which were handed down by the [International Monetary Fund] and the World Bank, have had on the people of Jamaica."

The filmmaker, Stephanie Black, will come to MIT to host "a question and answer session after the screening of the film," Parekh said.

"The reason we're doing this is not because we want to be a pain in the ass," Parekh said. "It's because we want to ensure that there's a debate on campus, because this is a big issue, and we want to educate our fellow students."

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# Israeli Consul Discusses Current Conflict in Mideast

By Jessica A. Zaman

STAFF REPORTER

Dr. Hillel Newman, the Israeli Consul of New England, addressed a crowd of over 100 at a dinner talk entitled, "Palestinian and Israeli Relations: Past, Present, and Future" Wednesday.

The event was sponsored by MIT Hillel. "Dr. Newman was brought to bring awareness to the MIT community about the [Israeli] side," said Jonathan J. Mansfield '05, vice president of Hillel. The consul attracted a diverse crowd with a wide spectrum of perspectives on the Israeli-Palestinian controversy.

## Present conflict key issue of talk

Newman began his talk with a synopsis of the current situation in Israel and the progress of Israel's Operation Defense Shield. "Israel has presently withdrawn forces from Jenin. Arafat has been released from Ramallah," Newman said.

"Over 1400 terrorists have been apprehended. We have uprooted almost 22 factories and the infrastructure of terror, likewise, has been uprooted," Newman said. "Our situation now is different from that of past situations because there is no more tolerance for terror."

Newman said that the motivation for such current initiatives was based on three factors: acts of terror, the failure of the peace process, and the fact that there was no other alternative.

"The background for this operation was terrorist acts against civilians, women, children and city-centers in Israel. There was no justification for terror," Newman said.

He claimed that Israeli officials have worked for peace in the past, and expressed his belief that former prime minister Ehud Barak lost his political career for the peace process. "Barak's offer was far-going," Newman said.

Newman provided a recap of Israeli peace attempts since 1993. He cited examples such as the signing of the Oslo Accord in 1993 and Camp David Accord as examples as the failure of peace attempts made by the Israelis. He emphasized that the Arabs have continuously refused peace attempts without making a counter-offer.

"Israel was looking for security, so things would be negotiated through peace. However, this was interpreted as a sign of weakness by the Palestinians."

## Cooperation is key, Newman says

Newman said that Israel would be open to negotiations with the Palestinians only after two initial conditions were satisfied: mutual recognition of Israel by Arab states and the cessation of violence. He also indicated that Israel would be

more cooperative if there was a new, more cooperative Palestinian ruler.

"Israel has never given up hope of peace," Newman said. "The Arabs have never talked to Israel."

Prime Minister Sharon has said he will recognize a Palestinian State, but after a process. But we can't get away from the first step — the cessation of violence."

Newman also outlined alternative courses of action if Arafat objects to Sharon's proposal. Unilateral separation at current borders and the establishment of autonomous self-rule that would be under a three-year supervision by the U.S., the U.N., and Britain were some options. Seeking potential for new leadership was also a proposed option.

"We question the legitimacy of Arafat. His signature is invalid," Newman said. He stressed that Arafat's commitments could not be trusted.

"To go forth with a peace plan, we need a partner. We have none now," Newman said.

## Consul answers public's concerns

The Consul's diverse audience aroused a dynamic question and answer session.

One audience member pointed out that Palestinian peace offers had been rejected by the Israelis, specifically citing a peace proposal made

by Hamas in 1997. This proposal guaranteed stopping civilian attacks for an exchange of land in Gaza.

Newman replied that the Hamas peace process was regarded as a joke. "Every other day they come out with a statement saying they would like to see the annihilation of Israel," Newman said.

Another topic brought up by a member of the audience was the role in American aid to Israel in the conflict.

"We are allies with the United States," Newman said. "This is something very few nations can achieve. There is friendship and understanding between our two nations." He claimed that U.S. possessions in other Middle Eastern nations, such as Egypt, were not secure.

One student questioned the current sentiments of the Israeli population in regard to Prime Minister Sharon.

Newman answered this by saying that Sharon was supported by almost 67 percent of the Israeli population. "This is the first time a leader of our society has been faced with unprecedented support," he said.

## Students have mixed responses

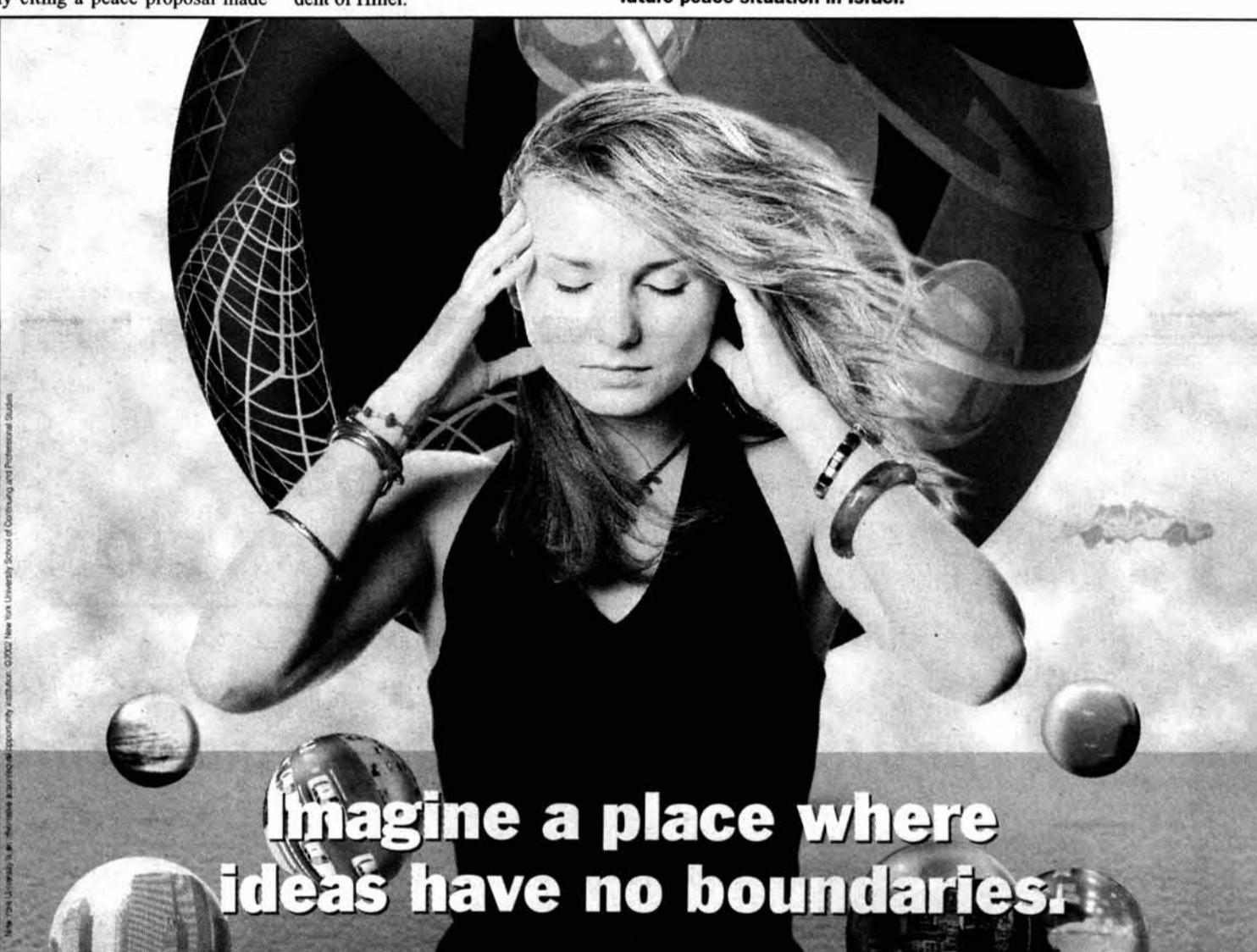
"I was expecting to hear the Israeli government's policy," said Andrew M. Goldswieg '03, president of Hillel.

"The talk was alright, but it was very one-sided," said Rodney Huang '03. "It made the Israeli stance clear. A lot of stuff was true, but at the same time, you can't put all the blame on the Palestinian authority. It's a tough situation."



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# Student Demand Yields New Study Room

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## Survey ranks 24-hour space first

The proposal for the renovated study space was put forth last year after a survey given to students returned "twenty-four hour study space" as the number one request.

"The creation of the 24-hour study room, including several spaces for groups to meet, is in response to a campus need for an attractive and safe place to study and meet after hours," Jim Mullins, MIT Libraries associate director for administration, said in a recent press release.

According to Davis-Millis, a 24-hour reading room in another area of the school was closed years ago, and student anger prompted consideration of a new location for the reading room. Currently, the only time the Humanities Library is open around the clock is for the week

preceding finals and the week during exams.

"It's something the students have been asking for a long time," Davis-Millis said.

Although access to library materials will still follow the current closing times (midnight for the Humanities Library, and as early as 6:00 p.m. for Hayden and the Reserve Book Room), students will be allowed to go to the new room instead of being forced to move to the fifth floor of the Student Center.

"Nice little corners with soft seats" will provide added comfort,

according to Davis-Millis. "It will be an interesting space."

## New study area will be safe place

In the past few days, library administrators met with Chief of Police John DiFava and his staff to discuss the safety aspect of the new study area.

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# Villars Pioneered Biophysics

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and then applied rigorous mathematical analysis to the functioning of biological systems. This led to new insights in biology and physiology, and teaching of these new methods. He taught Quantitative Physiology and Respiratory Pathophysiology at HST as classes for medical students seeking quantitative insight into organ physiology.

Recently, more than a decade after his retirement, Villars helped teach a popular graduate course in biological physics and worked on a graduate level text.

### Research began in Switzerland

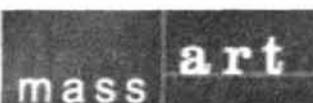
Born in Biel, Switzerland on Jan. 6, 1921, Villars graduated in physics and mathematics from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich in 1945. During World War II, he served as a meteorologist in the Swiss army before returning to the Swiss Federal Institute to earn his doctorate in 1946.

In 1949, he moved to the United States, where he was a visiting member of the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton University for a year before coming to MIT for the remainder of his career.

Villars is survived by his wife Jacqueline and four children, Fred of Philadelphia, Cecile of Belmont, Mass., Monique of Delft, the Netherlands, and Philip of Northboro, Mass.; a brother and sister, Hans and Mireille of Biel, Switzerland; and three grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at MIT in the fall, and a memorial fellowship fund will be established in his honor.

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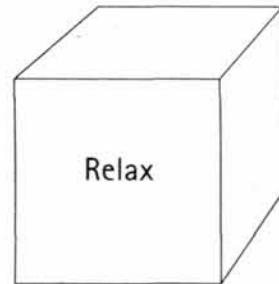
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# SPORTS

## MIT Women's Track 3rd at NEWMAC Championship

By Catherine A. Tweedie

TEAM MEMBER

On Saturday, MIT's Women's Track team hosted the 2002 NEWMAC outdoor track and field championship. The well-established Wheaton College team won with 248.5 points followed distantly by Springfield College (127.5), MIT (108), Worcester Polytechnic Institute (83), United States Coast Guard Academy (76.5), Mount Holyoke College (70), Smith College (44.5) and Babson College (18).

MIT's top scorer was Princess Imoukhuede '02, who turned in solid performances in her three throwing events. Imoukhuede took second in shot put and hammer, and first in discus with a throw of 129'4". Akua A. Asa-Awuku '03 placed seventh in the hammer throw with a personal best distance.

The 10,000m run was MIT's biggest scoring event, with Marissa L. Yates '03 finishing in third, and Julia M. Pinkston '04, Jessica E. Karnis '05, Kathryn S. Wasserman '04 finishing in fifth, sixth, and seventh places, respectively, all in personal record times.

### Buckley leads for distance events

Martha W. Buckley '04 won the 5000m with an outstanding personal record time of 18:30.58, almost 18 seconds faster than the second place finisher. In the very competitive 1500m, Buckley took third in another personal record time of 4:51.02. Sarah K. Perlmuter '02 also scored in the 1500m run with her eighth place time of 5:10.19.

In the pole vault, Catherine A. Tweedie '04 took second and matched her two-week old personal record of 11'0", just missing the varsity record again by 0.25". Catherine H. Koval '05 had a great performance in the javelin, placing fifth with a personal best throw of 96'5".

Julia C. Espel '05 proved her consistency by claiming second and further lowering her NCAA provisionally qualified time in the 3000m steeple chase by three seconds to 11:41.60. Perlmuter also set a personal record in the 3000m steeple chase, finishing in a fourth place time of 12:16.60, just over 16 seconds away from provisionally qualifying for the NCAA championships. Espel returned in the 800m run to finish in seventh place.

### No top finishes for MIT in sprints

In the 100m dash, Adeline L. Kuo '02 and Karen M. Keller '04 earned some points for MIT, finishing in seventh and eighth places respectively. Chinwe P. Nyenke '04 also picked up points with her seventh place and personal record finish in the 100m hurdles, qualifying finally for the ECAC championships.

In the jumps, Nalini Gupta '05 was MIT's sole scorer, as she picked up sixth in both the long and triple jumps.

The 4x100m relay consisting of Kuo, Gupta, Meredith N. Silberstein '04, and Keller finished in fourth with a team best time of 52.45.

Next Saturday, individuals who have qualified will represent MIT at the New England Division III championships.



STANLEY HU—THE TECH

Chinwe P. Nyenke '04 leaps over a hurdle during last Saturday's NEWMAC Championship to place seventh with a time of 17.34 seconds. The women's track and field team placed third with 108 points, behind Springfield (127.5) and Wheaton (248.5).

## Men's Ultimate Makes Regionals

By Edmund Chou

TEAM MEMBER

The MIT Ultimate team competed in the Metro Boston sectional tournament last weekend, in an attempt to secure one of five spots in the upcoming New England regional tournament.

Despite several injuries plaguing the team this weekend, MIT made a strong showing at the sectional tournament, losing to Tufts University but qualifying for regionals.

MIT would be forced to play without several key players, including starting handler Peter M. Mayer G who had dislocated his elbow in a layout defensive bid two weeks ago in the Yale Cup finals. Other missing players were starting handler Benjie Chen G with a knee injury, deep threat Thouis Jones G, 2001 MVP Dean Bolton G, and team co-captain Edmund M. Chou '02.

### MIT advances to playoffs

Saturday would be a day of pool play against Northeastern, Harvard, Boston College, and Tufts-B. MIT started the day strong against Northeastern by fielding a defensive team handily, getting blocks and maintaining possession throughout the first half to take a decisive lead at 8-2. Northeastern had nothing left as MIT took the game at 15-3 with solid play by Ronald C. Li '03.

MIT next faced last year's Nationals qualifier Harvard in a close game, trading points in the first half. Despite great defensive point blocks by team stud Matthew B. Greystak '04 and strong pulls by Hyman A. Carrell G, MIT would come up short at the half with a score of 6-8. Jacob Faber '04 made a great layout to save an out-of-bounds hammer throw but MIT remained scoreless in the second half. Harvard closed out the game with a time cap at 6-12.

In Saturday's third game, MIT would face a skillful BC team. The offensive team quickly scored points with forehand hucks from handler David S.

Bailey '02 to Thomas J. Liptay G. Also in this game, strong defensive play by the MIT freshmen superstars would shut down the BC offense. Edward F. Hsieh '05 had several defensive blocks, while David K. Hoel '05 pulled down the BC hucks, preventing them from playing their deep game. MIT claimed the first half at 8-4 and a layout block by Daniel B. Turek '03 allowed MIT to continue to victory with a final score of 15-10.

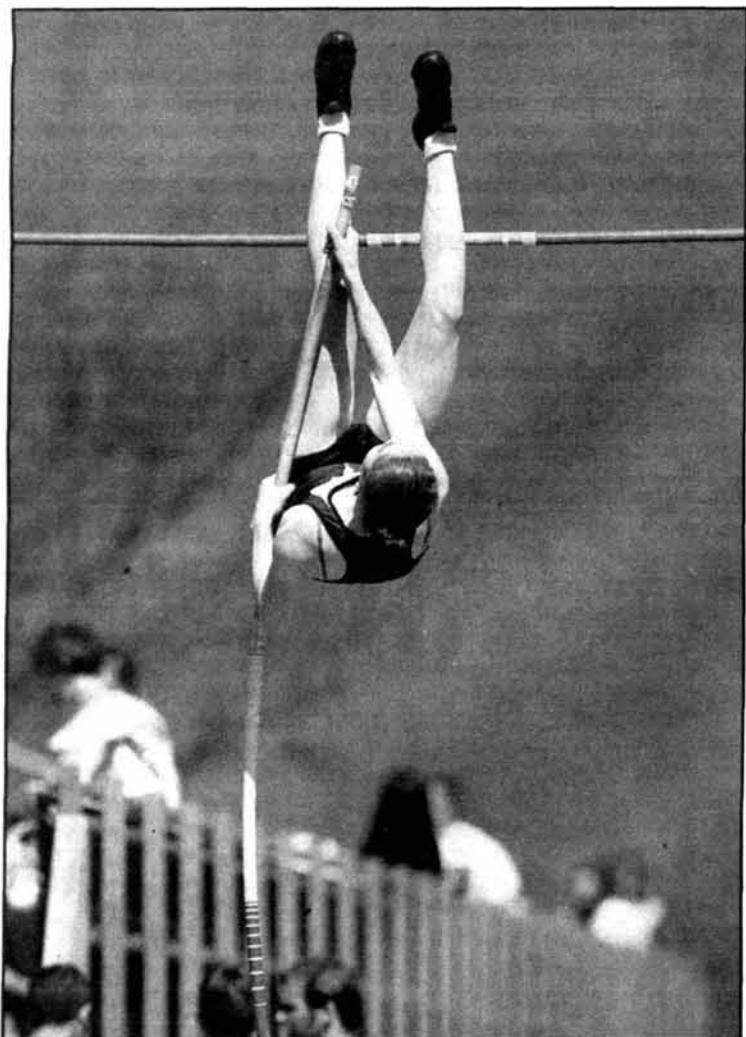
The final game of the day was against Tufts-B. Although Tufts-B came out strong by scoring the first two points, Colin A. Cross '03 led the team to eight consecutive points to claim the half at 8-2. In the second half, David P. Messing G had a crucial defensive block by slapping the disc straight into the ground. He set up his isolation offensive play to close out the game 15-3.

### MIT qualifies for regionals

In the quarterfinal match, MIT would face Brandeis for a spot to advance to regionals. Despite starting the day in cold and rainy weather, MIT played with intensity and showed no mercy to the Brandeis team. Several defensive layouts by MIT made the Brandeis team nervous, including MIT's Gary C. Lee '02 laying out to prevent Brandeis from scoring downwind. MIT forced the disc upwind with help from Mathias J. Craig G throwing several upwind goals. The final score was a decisive 15-5 victory for MIT.

In the final match of the day, MIT was eliminated by previous Nationals qualifier Tufts. Despite the 15-7 loss in the semifinals, MIT had a few moments of glory. Team co-captain Jay F. Bacow '02 had an amazing layout defensive grab over a Tufts player in their endzone for an immediate goal.

The MIT team was fired up to score a few more points, but it would not be enough to take down Tufts. Tufts continued to the finals, only to be defeated by Harvard. The final rankings entering the regional tournament next week will be Harvard, Tufts, MIT, BU, and Brandeis.



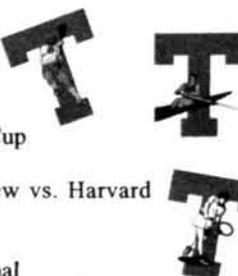
STANLEY HU—THE TECH

Inverting in the pole vault, Catherine A. Tweedie '04 prepares to clear 11 feet, good for second place during last Saturday's NEWMAC Championship.

## UPCOMING HOME EVENTS

Friday, May 3

Baseball vs. UMass Boston, 3:30 p.m.



Saturday, May 4

Men's Heavyweight Crew, Cochrane Cup vs. Wisconsin and Dartmouth

Women's Lightweight Crew vs. Harvard and Princeton

Sailing, Geiger Trophy

Sailing, No Ringer Invitational

Women's Lacrosse, Alumnae Game, 11:00 a.m.

Women's Tennis, Alumnae Match

## Intramural Standings



### Softball A League

Affiliation	Team	W	L	T	PF	PA
CP	Chi Phi	4	1	0	77	58
ATO	ATO	3	0	0	29	16
SLN	Sloan A1	2	1	0	38	27
TANG	Tang Hall	2	2	0	39	37
LUCH	Luchadores	2	3	0	56	63
CHEE	ChemE - A	2	4	0	52	58
DTD	Deits	1	0	0	13	9
DKE	DKE	1	2	0	26	37
SLN	Sloan A2	1	1	0	22	29
DU	Delta Upsilon	0	2	0	7	25



### Ultimate A League

Affiliation	Team	W	L	T	PF	PA
EC	Fred the Team	3	1	0	38	25
PSK	Red Rebels	2	1	0	25	21
TX	The Flying Taxis	2	1	0	22	24
IND	Galactic Aardvarks	1	1	0	14	17
ZP	Ultimatum	1	2	0	23	24
ZBT	Nothing Beats Rock	1	4	0	38	49



### Volleyball A League

Affiliation	Team	W	L	T	PF	PA
IND	Jet Setters	5	0	0	10	1
AAA	Vertically Challenged	3	1	6	0	0
ATO	ATO Gold	3	1	0	6	0
CP	Aces High	2	0	4	4	1
AI	Theory	2	1	0	4	3
LLUA	Bio Grad	2	2	0	4	4
IND	ABSK	1	0	0	2	1
ZP	Zeta Psi	1	0	0	2	1
EURO	Euroclub A	1	1	0	0	0
SN	Serpents	1	1	0	0	0
IND	Fighting	1	2	0	3	2
CHEE	Flames	1	2	0	3	2
PSK	MIT Football	1	2	0	2	3
TANG	Tang Hall	1	2	0	2	5
PKT	PKT B+	1	3	0	2	2
PBE	Spike My Balls	1	3	0	2	3
IND	LFM	0	2	0	1	4
ND	Nu Delta	0	3	0	2	6
WARE	Warehouse	0	3	0	1	4
EURO	Euroclub B+	0	3	0	0	4
WSLY	Wellesley	0	3	0	0	4
ASH	Ashdown	0	4	0	2	8